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### Organizational and procedural matters

## Statement by the President

### PRST OS/16/1. Efficiency of the Human Rights Council: addressing financial and time constraints

At the organizational session of the Human Rights Council held on 9 December 2022, the President of the Council made the following statement:

“The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, General Assembly resolutions 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and 65/281 of 17 June 2011, and Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 of 18 June 2007, on institution-building of the Council and on the code of conduct for special procedure mandate holders of the Council, respectively, and 16/21 of 25 March 2011, on the review of the work and functioning of the Council,

Welcoming the ongoing implementation of the measures outlined in President’s statements PRST OS/12/1 of 3 December 2018 and PRST OS/13/1 of 6 December 2019 and their impact on addressing the financial and time constraints related to its workload,

Recalling that the measures contained in PRST OS/13/1 were extended for one year by PRST OS/14/1 of 7 December 2020 and for one additional year by PRST OS/15/1 of 6 December 2021,

Welcoming the measures taken to enhance interactive dialogues, including the sharing of summaries of the reports of mandate holders, and recalling the importance of ensuring the timely issuance of reports and of encouraging participants in interactive dialogues to envisage, including in their statements, questions and comments for mandate holders on the basis of the reports,

Recognizing the need to introduce additional measures in line with its institution-building package to enhance its efficiency by addressing financial and time constraints, and welcoming the informal consultations on the matter led by its current and previous Bureaux, facilitators and focal points, guided by the principles of transparency, inclusiveness, predictability, consensus and non-selectivity,

1. Decides to continue to implement the measures outlined in President’s statement PRST OS/12/1, including the three-year programme of work, the two-hour duration of panel discussions, the voluntary rationalization of initiatives and related outcomes and the exchange of information;

2. Invites the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva to continue to provide a comprehensive update, orally and in writing, at the



organizational session held each year in December, on the actual and envisaged resources for conference services provided to the Human Rights Council;

3. Welcomes the efforts for the implementation of the measures on the use of modern technology set out in annex II to President's statement PRST OS/12/1, in particular the e-deleGATE system, and strongly encourages the continuous, progressive and full implementation of modern technology measures to improve the efficiency of the Human Rights Council;

4. Decides that all interactive dialogues will follow existing modalities and will continue to be held individually, that the speaking time limits for all stakeholder interventions will be one and a half minutes and that all mandate holders and mechanisms will be allocated 20 minutes, with two additional minutes for each country visit report and/or other mandated report;

5. Also decides to extend for one additional year the measure contained in PRST OS/13/1 related to general debates, whereby general debates will be convened at its March and September sessions on all agenda items and no general debates will take place at its June session;

6. Further decides to extend for one additional year the measure contained in PRST OS/13/1 related to the annual interactive dialogue on the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, whereby the dialogue will be conducted at its June session;

7. Decides to continue to discuss ways and means to enhance its efficiency and effectiveness, including the convening of general debates at its June session, and also decides that those discussions should commence before its fifty-third session;

8. Also decides to remain actively seized of the matter.”

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